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Macomb County Homelessness Fact Sheet

Estimated number of homeless people: 1,141, based on Department of Human Services cases. Number believed to be higher because not all homeless are receiving assistance from DHS. This number includes at least 237 children.

Current housing available:

Emergency shelter/housing – **248 beds**

Transitional housing – **106 beds**

Permanent supportive housing – **6 beds** (additional 31 under development)

Total beds available – **350**

The gap: current capacity is unable to help **nearly 800 homeless people** in Macomb County.

Cost to house unserved homeless for the next 90 days: **\$3,500 per person or family.**

Cost to feed 800 homeless for the next 90 days: **\$35,595.**

Number of people who experienced homelessness in 2004 (the last full year of figures): **4,000.**

Number of shelter nights provided by the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) in 2004: **19,280** – 841 more than the previous year.

Number of homeless people turned away from shelters in 2004: **1,750 men, women and children.**

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